Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

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Year	Amount. Rs.
1100	1,696—0—0
1101	4,887—0—0
1102	6,868—0—0
1103	4,530—0—0
1104	8,027—4—0
1105 till 27-6-1105	3,698—3—0

(2) Since the time and labour required to collect the information is very great, it has not been possible to do it.

Opening of a road from Shoranur road to Machad.

218. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the progress that has been made in connection with the opening of the road from 12/2 of Shoranur road to Machad for which Rs. 5,000 has been allotted in this year's budget;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the work;

(c) when does the Government expect to complete the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There is already a road to Machad from 12/2 of the Shoranur road. It requires only slight improvements. It is now proposed to improve this road utilising for it a portion of the allotment, the balance being utilised for opening a road to Enkakad from 11/7 of the Shoranur road.

(b) Estimates are under preparation.

(c) The work is expected to be completed within 10 months.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether the allotment of Rs. 5,000 in the 1105 budget was made without any estimates being prepared beforehand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. When that allotment was made, no estimates have been prepared.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Why is it that the Government has proposed to divert a portion of that allotment to another road, for the opening of a road from Enkakad?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Representations have been received from Vadakkancheri to say that the road to Enkakad will be more desirable and that it is enough if the road to Machad is improved. This road has already been taken up. We thought that the road taken up was more urgent than the other road.

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Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Supposing there is no balance out of this Rs. 5,000 allotment for the Machad road, may I know whether the Enkakad road will be taken up this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Enkakad road will also be included this year. The Machad road also will be improved, and another road to Enkakad will be made.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Supposing there is no surplus in this allotment, will the Enkakad road be taken up this year? Even as it is, no estimates have been prepared for this Machad road.

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Nor for the Enkakad road. Both are under preparation.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Supposing, after the preparation of the estimates, the whole of this allotment of Rs. 5,000 is found necessary for the Machad road, my question is whether the Enkakad road will be taken up this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government have decided now that that work will also be taken up this year along with the other.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—With what funds?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Both these roads will be taken up together in one estimate. The improvement of the Machad road and the opening of a road to Enkakad will be taken up as one estimate and worked together.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The whole will not be completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The amount is to be distributed partially between these two works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know when the idea of opening the Enkakad road first originated?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the last Budget Session of the House in 1104. At the time the budget was discussed here, the Member spoke about the opening of the Enkakad road, and that proposition of his was considered later on during the year. It was then decided that it was necessary to open up a road to Enkakad as well as improve this Machad road.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Instead of asking for a supplementary grant it was not advisable to divert the allotment to another item.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At the time of the budget we made a promise that the Enkakad road will also be

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taken up, that the desirability of opening up the Enkakad road will be considered before this allotment is spent. But, in any case, we are going to improve the Machad road. I do not know whether the Member knows the locality.

President.—Is it your point that you object to the practice of diversion?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Not only that, Sir, the Machad road has been provided for in the budget.

President.—We are not in the region of discussion at present. If you want any information about a fact, please put a question, and the answer will be furnished. As to whether the policy is right or wrong, we are not to consider it at this stage.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The Machad road having been provided for in the budget, a portion of that allotment for that road is proposed to be diverted for another road which is not provided for in the budget. I want to ask the reason for it.

President.—There must be some reason for the Government giving up the Machad work and taking up the Enkakad road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At the time when the budget was discussed it was brought to the notice of the House that it was desirable to link up Enkakad with Vadakkancheri, and I then promised, I suppose, that before I spent the money I would examine the position.

President.—So that, the position is this. No doubt, at the time of the budget we thought we might take up this work, and we provided Rs. 5,000; but subsequent investigations brought to light a more urgent work, namely, the Enkakad road. This amount is being utilised for that purpose, as it is a more urgent affair. Very probably the other work also will be taken in hand, but there is no urgency about it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—And the provision is for Machad, *etc.*, roads.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Opening a road from 12/2 of Shoranur road to Machad. That is precisely the allotment referred to in the question. It does not in any way include the Enkakad road at all. May I know whether the estimates have been calculated for the Machad road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. Fairly completed. Under preparation.

Perumannans in the State.

219. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

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